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Press Release 16 of 2020: Minister of Health appoints new Council for medical schemes regulator

The Minister of Health, Dr Zweli Mkhize has announced the new Council for the Council for Medical Schemes (CMS), taking into account the interests of members and medical schemes.

The 15-head strong structure is empowered by the Medical Schemes Act (131 of 1998) and represents a variety of skills and backgrounds, and include experts in law, finance, actuarial sciences, economics, medical sciences, corporate governance and consumer affairs.

Dr Sipho Kabane, Chief Executive and Registrar of the CMS extended his welcome and support to the new Council on behalf of all stakeholders. "We pledge our unwavering support and cooperation to the new Council, in the shared quest to be an agile and transformative regulator, to promote affordable and accessible healthcare cover."

The composition of the new Council is as follows:

1. Dr Memela M. Makiwane (Chairperson)

Dr Makiwane is a qualified doctor specialising in clinical pharmacology, with extensive experience in the private and public healthcare. Dr Makiwane has held various medical and scientific advisory positions in managed healthcare and medical scheme administrators. The new Chairperson holds a Masters of Medicine from Stellenbosch University, a Fellowship from the College of Clinical Pharmacologists of SA, and a Post Graduate Diploma in Pharmaceutical medicine. Dr Makiwane served as a member of the previous Council.

2. Dr Aquina Thulare

Dr Thulare is a medical practitioner who holds an MBChB degree from the Nelson Mandela Medical School, a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in reproductive medicine from Stellenbosch University, an MBA and Master of Management in Public Policy from Wits University. She has a wealth of experience in private and public healthcare and management. She holds the position of technical specialist for the National Health Insurance (NHI) in the Department of Health.

3. Ms Diane R. Terblanche

Ms Terblanche is a qualified legal practitioner who holds a Masters of Law from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA. She has a well-established track record in law, governance, policy making, and consumer protection and has worked for the National Consumer Tribunal, the Competition Commission, and the Consumer Institute of SA. Ms Terblanche piloted the fair treatment project with medical schemes for the CMS. Ms Terblanche served as a member of the previous Council.

4. Dr Hlupheka H. Mukhari

Dr Mukhari is a qualified general practitioner and dental therapist with clinical experience in both the private and public health sectors. Dr Mukhari brings to Council vast experience in leadership, management, policy, research and advocacy. He serves within the National Executive Committee of the Progressive Professionals Forum.

5. Mr Imran Vanker

Mr Vanker is a qualified chartered accountant with over 18 years' experience within the governance, accounting, auditing and public sector financial management. Mr Vanker leads the team responsible for audit, assurance and ethics standards in South Africa. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) and a Certificate in Labour Law from the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

6. Dr Leavit T. Mkansi

Dr Mkansi is an advocate who has a wealth of experience within the legal field, as an academic and legal practitioner. He serves as a district and regional prosecutor at Pretoria Magistrate Court. He holds a Doctor of Laws from Unisa and a Masters degree in International Business Law from the University of Hull in England.

7. Mr Lusani Mulaudzi

Mr Mulaudzi is a qualified actuary with a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) and a Post Graduate Diploma in Actuarial Science from the University of Stellenbosch. He has extensive experience within the actuary field and has worked in the medical scheme administration and insurance fields. Mr Mulaudzi has served as President of the Actuarial Society of South Africa, as well as the Association of South African Black Actuarial Professionals.

8. Mr Mabalane G. Mfundisi

Mr Mfundisi is an executive director with over 21 years' experience within the public health, media and communications, enterprise development and strategic planning fields. He is a steering committee member of the Presidential Health Compact and has held various leadership roles at the South African National Aids Council.

9. Mr Moerane M. Maimane

Mr Maimane is an accomplished Chartered Director with years of experience in general management, human resources, strategy, procurement, finance and marketing. He has worked for various sectors including SMME development and financing, consulting, information technology, housing, telecommunications and healthcare. Mr Maimane holds a Bachelor of Public Administration (Honours) and an MBA. He served as a member of the previous Council.

10. Mr Naheem Raheman

Mr Raheman is an admitted attorney and director of Naheem Raheman Inc. He has worked as a legal advisor in the public sector, dealing with regulatory, statutory and legislative matters. He holds an LLB degree from the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

11. Dr Nombeko P. Mbava

Dr Mbava is an accomplished leader and expert on public sector integrated reporting, governance, monitoring and evaluation. With vast experience in economics and public policy, she holds a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and an MBA from the University of Stellenbosch. Dr Mbava also lectures on public policy at the University of Cape Town.

12. Adv Rodger T. Mareume

Advocate Mareume is a Senior Public Prosecutor with extensive experience in administrative law, corporate governance, compliance and human rights. He holds BJuris and LLB degrees from the University of North West. He has served in various capacities in the National Prosecuting Authority as well as the Health Professions Council of South Africa.

13. Dr Sugendra L. Naidoo

Dr Naidoo is a qualified healthcare professional with a wealth of experience clinical care and governance, leadership and strategy. Dr Naidoo's interests include looking for alternative models in benefit design to reengineer and shift to primary healthcare. In addition to an MBChB from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, he holds an MBA from the University of Cape Town where he lectures Finance in the Department of Family Medicine.

14. Dr Thandi S. Mabeba

Dr Mabeba is a qualified medical doctor, with experience in both private and public healthcare sectors. Dr Mabeba is also a medico-legal consultant and holds a Masters of Philosophy in Medical Law and Ethics from the University of Pretoria where she is currently pursuing her PhD in Medical Law and Ethics.

15. Dr Xolani Khayelihle Ngobese

Dr Ngobese is a business professional with governance, procurement, public sector management, project management, infrastructure financing, and monitoring and evaluation experience. He holds a PhD specialising in Business Administration from the Management College of South Africa. Dr Ngobese has served in various management positions.

The term of Council is three years from date of appointment, with one reappointment.

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